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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1945

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual
Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres).	...	...	...	...	...	4,616
Census Population, 1931	...	...	...	...	...	20,284
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid-1945	...	...	...	...	...	19,940
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1938), according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	4,980
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£184,228
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£744 10s. 7d.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident Population is 19,940, as compared with 20,130 for the previous year.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Births.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Live Births	167	169	336
Live Births—Legitimate	148	151	299
Illegitimate	19	18	37
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population			16.8
Still Births	2	5	7
Still Births—Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	—	1	1
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) Births			17.2

Deaths.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Deaths	116	128	244
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population			12.2
Deaths from Diseases and Accidents of Pregnancy and Child-birth :			
From Sepsis	—	—	<i>Nil</i>
From other Causes	—	1	1
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :			
All Infants per 1,000 live births			35.7
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			20.1
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			162.2
Deaths from :			
Measles (all ages)			<i>Nil</i>
Whooping Cough (all ages)			<i>Nil</i>
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)			3
Cancer (all ages)			35

The total number of Births was 336, as compared with 356 for the previous year ; the Birth Rate being 16.8 of the estimated Resident Population, against 17.7 for 1944.

The total number of Deaths was 244 ; the Death Rate being 12.2. In 1944 the rate was 13.86.

The deaths of Infants under one year per 1,000 Live Births was 35.7, compared with 39.2 for 1944. This figure compares favourably with the rate for the whole of England and Wales, which is 46.

**EXTRACT FROM REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S MORTALITY
RETURN FOR THE BOROUGH.**

(*Civilians only.*)

1945.

<i>Cause of Death.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
All Causes	116	128	244
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	6	4	10
Other Tuberculosis	—	1	1
Syphilitic diseases	1	—	1
Influenza	—	2	2
Cancer	13	22	35
Diabetes	1	—	1
Intracranial vascular lesions ...	18	14	32
Heart disease	35	48	83
Other diseases of circulatory system	7	3	10
Bronchitis	5	5	10
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	2	—	2
Diarrhoea under 2 years	2	1	3
Appendicitis	1	—	1
Other digestive diseases	4	2	6
Nephritis	3	—	3
Other maternal causes	—	1	1
Premature birth	1	3	4
Con. mal., birth inj. and infantile diseases	2	2	4
Suicide	1	2	3
Road traffic accidents	2	—	2
Other violent causes	2	2	4
All other causes	7	12	19

SCARLET FEVER.—The number of cases has increased on the previous year. Owing to housing conditions it was only possible to isolate one at home. Owing to the mild type of the disease during the last ten years, isolation at home is adopted if circumstances permit.

DIPHTHERIA.—Seven cases amongst residents were notified, four of whom had been immunized. The disease was of a mild type, and their stay in Hospital was accordingly reduced. From their ages, it would appear that a “booster” dose would be beneficial, in three years after the initial dose. Immunization is completed in the first year of life, now, and a “booster” dose on school entry seems advisable.

IMMUNIZATION.—Systematic immunization was commenced in January, 1939, and fortnightly Clinics have been held ever since, alternatively at Windsor and Clewer Welfare Centres. The percentage of both under 5 years and between 5 and 15 years that have been immunized is over 90%.

WAR-TIME NURSERIES.—The attendance at both Nurseries appear to show that they are still very necessary. The average attendance at Windsor is 29 and at Clewer 50. The Staff at both Nurseries are to be congratulated upon the way the children are cared for, and this in spite of shortage of helpers, which has latterly become more pronounced. The children are medically inspected at intervals, and each has a Record Card. Medical attendance is always available should a Warden require a child to be seen.

HOME HELP SERVICE.—This scheme was originally organised by the Red Cross and taken over by the Borough on August 1st. During the year one whole-time and one part-time worker was appointed. Like all innovations, the idea was slow in being known and appreciated.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.—The Notification of Birth Cards provide for the weight to be recorded of 5½lbs. or less. There were 5 such cases notified, of which 3 were nursed at home and 2 in Hospital. They all survived at the end of one month. A special cot is available for babies nursed at home.

HOMES FOR ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

(1) Burnell House, Bolton Avenue.

Accommodation is available for 20 babies and their mothers. During 1945, 29 babies have passed through the Home. Apart from a small outbreak of dysentery the health of the babies has been excellent.

(2) Clewer Hill House.

Organised by the Waifs and Strays Society for legitimate and illegitimate babies. Accommodation for 30 babies. A training School for Nursery Nurses is provided for 18 students.

In conjunction with the Berks County Council, a Social Worker has been appointed, and also in combination with the Oxford Diocesan Moral Welfare Association, a Social Worker is available.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1945.

(Other than Tuberculosis.)

TABLE I.

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever	23 (3)	22	—
Diphtheria	8 (1)	8	—
Dysentery (Sonne) ...	11 (3)	1	—
Meningitis	2 (1)	2	—
Erysipelas	2	2	—
Pneumonia	1	—	—
Polio-Myelitis	4	4	—

The numbers in brackets are of non-Civilians—included in the total. The four cases of Polio-Myelitis were admitted to Windsor Hospital from outside the Borough.

TABLE II.

AGE GROUPS OF THE NOTIFIED CASES.

<i>Disease</i>	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over
Scarlet Fever ...	—	1	1	1	1	6	4	6	2	1	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	2	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne)	2	3	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
Meningitis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Polio-Myelitis ...	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—

TABLE III.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

<i>Age Periods</i>		<i>New Cases.</i>				<i>Deaths.</i>			
		<i>Respiratory.</i>		<i>Non-Resp.</i>		<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Resp.</i>	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 years	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 years	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 years	...	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
25 years	...	2	2	—	—	1	2	—	—
35 years	...	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
45 years	...	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
55 years	...	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 plus	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	...	8	6	1	1	5	3	—	—

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. V. STRONG,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of the Health Visitor For the Year 1945

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit my report upon the work done during the year 1945.

	<i>Resident.</i>	<i>Non-Resident.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number of births notified	... 326	... 344	... 670
Number of still-births notified	7	... 20	... 27

The number of residential births has been adjusted to include those babies of residents, who were born in Hospitals outside the Borough, and who have been transferred back to this district

The non-resident births have been transferred to their own districts in a similar manner

There are approximately 1,500 children under 5 years of age resident in the Borough.

During the year the following visits have been made :

To infants under 1 year	... .. 1973
To children from 1 to 5 years	... .. 2390
First visits to infants under 1 year	... .. 330
Special Visits	... .. 69
In connection with deaths of infants under 1 year	6
In connection with still-births	... .. 7
In connection with the adoption of children	... .. 27
In connection with boarded-out children	... .. 30
In connection with the Home Help Service	... .. 49
Total number of visits	... .. 4881

Included in these numbers :

Visits to individual families	... .. 3991
In connection with immunisation against diphtheria	10
In connection with measles	... .. 134

THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

A Meeting of the Infant Welfare Centres' Committee is held quarterly, under the Chairmanship of Alderman Harris. The staff of Voluntary Helpers, approximately 18 in number, have continued to give their most valuable help throughout the year. The contribution which these helpers make, towards the efficient and smooth running of the Centres, is greatly appreciated and largely accounts for the many appreciative remarks which are made, concerning our Centres, particularly by Mothers coming into the Borough and from Mothers who write from other places after leaving Windsor.

We are most fortunate in having such a good Voluntary Staff, who give their services with such reliability and regularity.

The following attendances were made at both Centres during the year, the figures for the previous year are given for comparison :

			<i>Windsor.</i>		<i>Clewer.</i>	
			1945.	1944.	1945.	1944.
Infants under 1 year	...	...	3409	3542	2356	2292
Children 1 to 5 years	...	...	1656	2207	1356	1691
<i>Total attendances of Infants and Toddlers</i>						
...	...	...	5065	5749	3712	3983
Average attendances per session						
...	...	...	95	120	40	70
Attending for the first time :						
(a) Infants under 1 year	...	...	196	228	101	136
(b) Children 1 to 5 years	...	...	13	49	7	24

The average attendance at The Windsor Clinic is considerably reduced owing to the inclusion of the additional monthly session. Actually the number of attendances on Fridays has been very high. The reduced number of attendances at both Centres is probably chiefly due to the return of the evacuated families to their own districts. These figures also tend to rise and fall in accordance with the amount of home visiting, carried out by the Health Visitors. There has not been quite so much time for visiting this year owing to the holding of additional sessions of the Welfare Centres, weekly at Clewer and monthly at Windsor, and also to the increased amount of administrative work, which entails a larger proportion of time spent in the Office.

297 Infants under 1 year made their first attendance at the Centres. This represents 91% of resident live births.

The additional weekly session at the Clewer Centre is appreciated. The average attendance on Tuesdays is 43.5% and on Thursdays 37%.

THE TODDLERS' CLINIC.

The Special Clinic for Toddlers, between the ages of 2 and 5 years is held monthly at each Centre. The children are weighed and examined by the Medical Officer, whose notes on the child's pre-school health are passed on to the School Medical Department when the child enters school.

Attendances at these Clinics :

<i>Windsor.</i>			<i>Clewer.</i>			<i>Total.</i>	
1945.	1944.		1945.	1944.		1945.	1944.
454	277	...	238	118	...	692	395

The total attendances of Toddlers at the ordinary sessions : 3012.

The number of attendances is improving, as it becomes more generally realized that the Toddlers' Clinic is a Health Clinic for routine medical examinations, etc., and not a Children's Out-patient Department.

FOOD AND DRIED MILK.

The sale of foods at the Centres is a small department in itself.

Value of Food, etc., purchased for sale and free

<i>distribution :</i>						£	s.	d.
1st January to 31st December, 1942	...	...	...	...	...	1611	19	5
„ „ „ 1943	...	...	...	...	...	1907	7	9
„ „ „ 1944	...	...	...	...	...	2291	10	9
„ „ „ 1945	...	...	...	...	...	2032	17	5

This is an increase of 478%, based on cost of the 1938 figure of £425 7s. 5d. An average of £35 is taken at the Centres weekly.

Approximately 40 people have received free food from the Centres, some of them for a short time only, during the year.

THE ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

The Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic is held on the second Monday of each month at The Clinic, Victoria Street, at 3 p.m.

The attendances number 92 and 4 respectively.

DENTAL CARE FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

Four Mothers have applied for treatment under the Scheme and have received financial assistance towards treatment, according to circumstances.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN, ADOPTED CHILDREN, ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

In November, Miss Wilson, the Moral Welfare Worker for The Oxford Diocesan Moral Welfare Association, undertook certain duties which had previously been carried out by the Health Visitor, namely, Infant Life Protection, under The Children's Act (1908) and The Children and Young Persons' Act (1932), the care and supervision of Adopted Children, registered with The Welfare Authority, under the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939, and the work entailed in connection with the care of illegitimate children, in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 2866, under agreement with the County Council, to which Windsor is a party.

At the time when Miss Wilson took over the work, there were 6 children registered as boarded-out children, 6 children registered as adopted children and 96 names recorded in the current Register of illegitimate children.

DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

An immunisation clinic is held every fortnight, alternatively at Windsor Clinic, Victoria Street, and at The Infant Welfare Centre, Vale House, Clewer.

During the year 248 children under school age have received full immunisation.

The parents are advised to bring the children as soon as they reach the age of eleven months.

The routine procedure of sending for each individual child, sometimes many times before immunisation is completed, is a big factor in the success of the campaign. This would be impossible to carry out without the clerical staff. Approximately 94% of children under 5 years are immunised.

PREMATURE INFANTS.

A register of infants weighing 5½lbs. or less at birth has been kept, according to the Ministry of Health requirements. Cases which have left the Borough have been followed up and similar information has been supplied to other areas, wishing to follow up their premature births.

There were 23 premature births notified during the year. All of the 11 babies in the Borough survived.

There is a special cot for use of premature infants ready for use at any time. Rubber hot water bottles have been loaned out on some occasions.

GOVERNMENT WELFARE FOODS.

The Welfare Foods (Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice and National Dried Milk), are distributed at the Centres. They can also be obtained at the Food Office.

724 bottles of Cod Liver Oil and 5,583 bottles of Orange Juice, under the Government scheme, have been issued from the Welfare Centres during the year.

Quantities of other preparations containing Vitamins A and D are also distributed at the Centres, apart from the Government provision.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service was taken over from the British Red Cross Society on 1st August.

Miss Bicknell, who had already been working as a Home Help with the B.R.C.S., continued her work under the new Scheme. Since 1st August, Miss Bicknell has made 543 visits. Most of the cases were to infirm and sick people. One maternity case was undertaken in an emergency. A small amount of work has also been undertaken by two women, who worked as part-time helps. There is room for development of this Service, but although the post of additional Home Help has been advertised repeatedly, there have been no applications for the post.

STAFF.

There have been no changes in the Staff during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. I. McALLISTER,

August, 1946.

Senior Health Visitor.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector For the Year 1945

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit for your consideration my
Report for the year 1945.

HOUSING.

During the year the need for more houses has become very acute. 1,400 applications for housing accommodation have been received by the Council. There are over 400 houses which should be demolished as unfit for human habitation, at the earliest possible opportunity. Overcrowding is rife and nothing but a new survey will disclose the true number of such cases. It is hoped that every effort will be made to meet the pressing need during 1946:

Eighteen families were rehoused by the Council during the year; one in a Council house which had become vacant and seventeen in accommodation at requisitioned properties.

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NUISANCES.

During the year 503 sanitary defects and nuisances were discovered; 164 informal and 33 formal notices were served requiring abatement of the defects or nuisances. At the end of the year 39 informal and 12 formal notices had not been complied with.

Legal proceedings were taken against three owners for failing to comply with notices. In one case an order was made to abate the nuisance within 14 days with costs of £3 15s. 6d. In the other two cases orders were made to abate nuisances within 28 days and 3½ guineas costs were awarded in each case.

Proceedings were also taken against the occupier of stables for failing to comply with a notice to abate a nuisance arising from the keeping of horses. After hearing the case for the prosecution the Justices visited the premises, and without hearing the case for the defence dismissed the summons saying there was no nuisance.

COMPLAINTS.

Three-hundred and fifty-one complaints were received during the year, relating to the following matters :

Housing—

Housing defects	83
Obstructed and defective drains	23
Dilapidated and absence of dustbins	12
Offensive smells	9
Keeping of animals causing nuisance	6
Burst waterpipes	5
Nuisance from smoke	4
Offensive accumulations	7
Food and Drugs	7
Overcrowding	1
Dirty premises	1
Verminous premises	64
Rats and Mice	118
Slaughter-house	1
Wasps' Nests, etc.	10

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACTS.

Complaints received and action taken are set out below.

Total number of Cases—25.

Furnished—7.

Unfurnished—18.

No.	FURNISHED.		
1	22/6 per week	1 room ...	After vacating premises tenant received account for £1 3s. 6d. for electric light from Landlord. Advised tenant to ignore account. Complaint unfounded.
2	30/- per week	2 bedrooms, 1 living room	
3	70/- per week	1 room ...	Room in Temperance Hotel. Interviewed Proprietor who reduced rent to £2 per week. Complaint unfounded.
4	27/6 per week	2 rooms ...	Tenant left before investigation completed.
5	35/- per week	2 rooms ...	Complaint unfounded.
6	25/- per week	House	Practically no furniture. Advised tenant house was unfurnished and that he need not pay more rent than paid by previous tenant, which was £1 per week plus rates, and that he could recover the amount overpaid.
7	£8/13/4 per month	consisting of 5 rooms	

UNFURNISHED.

8	—	Whole house	Owner demanded possession. Advised tenant to await County Court summons.
9	18/- per week	House consisting of 5 rooms	2/- per week increase demanded for new grate. Advised tenant not to pay.
10	—	Whole house	1/6 per week increase demanded on account of increased rates. Correct amount 5d. per week. Advised tenant not to pay more than 5d.
11	—	2 rooms ...	Sub-tenant under notice to quit. Gave advice.
12	25/- per week	4 rooms ...	Advised complainant to apply to County Court for rent to be fixed.
13	20/- per week	House consisting of 5 rooms	Owner attempted to make tenant pay rates. Interviewed owner who agreed to drop claim.
14	10/3 per week	House consisting of 5 rooms	1/- per week increase demanded for increased rates. Correct amount 4½d. per week. Interviewed owner who agreed to 10/7½d. as correct rent.
15	—	House consisting of 4 rooms	10d. per week increase demanded for increased rates. Correct amount 7½d. Wrote owner who agreed to rectify.
16	—	Whole house	Landlord seeking possession. Advised tenant to await County Court summons.
17	£5/19/6 per month	Basement flat 2 rooms	Previous tenant paid 12/6 per week. Wrote owner who reduced rent to 12/6 per week and refunded the amount overcharged.
18	£75 per annum	House consisting of 5 rooms	Advised complainant to apply to County Court for rent to be fixed.
19	—	Whole house	Landlord reduced rent and made tenant responsible for rates. Advised tenant that this was permissible.
20	—	Whole house	Increase of rent because of increased rates. Advised complainant that statutory notice of increase must be served by the owner before the increase is payable.
21	—	Whole house	Ditto.
22	—	Whole house	Ditto.
23	—	Whole house	Ditto.
24	—	Whole house	Ditto.
25	—	Whole house	Ditto.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Slaughter House.—The number of inspections made at the Government Slaughter House was 691.

The Table below shows the diseases and weight of meat condemned :

	Bulls	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Goats	Total	Weight in lbs.
No. KILLED ...	31	509	467	393	1085	3082	89	2	5658	—
No. INSPECTED ...	31	509	467	393	1085	3082	89	2	5658	—
ALL DISEASES except Tuberculosis : Whole Carcases Condemned—										
Emaciation ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	44
Fever ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	91
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	45
Pyæmia ...	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	626
Swine Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	186
<i>Totals ...</i>	—	1	—	—	4	2	4	—	11	992
Carcases of which some part or Organ was Condemned—										
Abscesses ...	—	51	22	29	—	12	1	—	115	1770
Actinomycosis ...	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	7	192
Cavernous Angioma	—	2	1	7	—	—	—	—	10	162
Cirrhosis ...	—	11	5	1	—	1	—	—	18	79
Distomatosis ...	—	51	30	12	—	—	—	—	93	1417
Other Parasites ...	—	5	5	1	—	104	—	—	115	417
Emphysema ...	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	26
Fatty Degeneration	—	2	2	7	—	—	—	—	11	211
Inflammation ...	—	4	—	1	—	—	15	—	20	316
Injuries ...	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	4	94
Melanosis ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	13
Necrosis ...	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	38
Neoplasms ...	—	3	—	3	—	1	—	—	7	85
Nephritis ...	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	3	11
Oedema ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	26
Pleurisy ...	—	5	13	8	—	3	—	—	29	344
Pneumonia ...	—	3	—	1	2	6	7	—	19	124
Rheumatism ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
<i>Totals ...</i>	—	142	85	76	3	132	24	—	462	6319
Percentage of No. of Animals Inspected affected with Disease other than Tubercu- losis ...	—	28	18.2	19.3	.64	4.3	31.4	—		
TUBERCULOSIS only : Whole Carcases—										
Condemned ...	—	1	6	13	5	—	—	—	25	13804
Carcases of which some part or Organ was Condemned ...	12	75	61	98	—	—	5	—	251	8636
<i>Totals ...</i>	12	76	67	111	5	—	5	—	276	22440
Percentage of No. of Animals Inspected affected with Tuber- culosis ...	38.7	14.9	14.3	28.0	.46	—	5.6	—	—	

In addition to the diseased meat, 870lbs. of tripes were condemned for decomposition.

WHOLESALE MEAT STORES.

Inspections numbered 497. The following carcasses were examined :

Bulls	1	Pigs	1,070
Steers	4	Calves	192
Heifers	2		
Cows	61	<i>Total</i>	1,333
Sheep	3		

The following is a list of meat condemned at the Depot :

Beef, home killed	... 6 lbs. ...	Oedema
Beef, home killed	... 111 lbs. ...	Tuberculosis
Pork, home killed	... 17 lbs. ...	Pneumonia
Pork, home killed	... 588 lbs. ...	Tuberculosis
Pork, home killed	... 2 lbs. ...	Haemorrhages
Pork, home killed	... 5 lbs. ...	Abscesses
English Liver ...	... 1½lbs. ...	Necrosis
Canned Corned Beef	... 927½lbs. ...	Decomposition

1,658 lbs. ...

BUTCHERS' SHOPS, ETC.

The following meat was condemned from Butchers' Shops and other premises :

Pork, home killed	... 22½lbs. ...	Bone taint
Pork, home killed	... 35 lbs. ...	Decomposition
Beef, home killed	... 46 lbs. ...	Bruising
Beef, home killed	... 183½lbs. ...	Bone taint
Beef, home killed	... 57 lbs. ...	Decomposition

344 lbs.

OTHER FOOD PREMISES.

The following list of foods was condemned at other food premises :

Bacon	119lbs.
Bread, Biscuits, Buns, Cakes, Puddings ...	458lbs.
Cake and Pudding Mixtures	167lbs.
Cereals	191lbs.
Cheese	88lbs.
Cooked Meats, Sausages	15lbs.
Crumpets	32lbs.
Eggs (dried)	1 lb.

Eggs (shell)	...	...	...	...	...	40lbs.
Fats	...	...	...	...	...	111lbs.
Fish and Fish Cakes	...	...	...	...	...	823lbs.
Flour	...	...	...	...	...	103lbs.
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	762lbs.
Fruit (dried)	...	...	...	...	...	1,277lbs.
Imported Lambs Livers	...	...	...	...	...	7lbs.
Lambs Tongues	...	...	...	...	...	2lbs.
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	66lbs.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	70lbs.
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	25lbs.

BOTTLED FOODS—

Fish and Meat Pastes	...	...	...	...	...	7lbs.
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	1 lb.
Pickles	...	...	...	...	...	33lbs.
Preserves	...	...	...	...	...	10lbs.
Vegetable Extracts	...	...	...	...	...	4lbs.

CANNED FOODS—

Fish	...	...	...	...	...	376lbs.
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	6lbs.
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	475lbs.
Milk	694lbs.
Preserves	76lbs.
Vegetables and Soups	331lbs.

<i>Total</i>	6,370lbs.
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These foods were condemned for a variety of causes, e.g., decomposition, blown tins and maggot infestation. The number of condemnations was 169. In practically every case these foods were brought to the office by the traders, as on my certificate of unfitness they are able to obtain replacements.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

All condemned meat from the Slaughterhouse, Depot and Butchers' Shops is coloured green, and removed by a Government Contractor for utilisation in purposes other than human food. Other unsound foodstuffs are dealt with in accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry of Food.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

The following tables show the number of samples of Food taken and submitted to the Public Analyst for analysis, the results of such analysis and action taken :

<i>Article</i>	<i>Number Examined</i>				<i>Number Adulterated</i>			
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>In-formal</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Formal</i>	<i>In-formal</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Total</i>
Milk	52	—	—	52	5	—	—	5
Butter	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Lard	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Malt Vinegar ...	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—
Coffee	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Pork Sausages ...	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Baking Powder ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Ground Cinnamon	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Chocolate Cup ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Horse Radish P'der	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Mixed Herbs ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Junket Powder ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Parsley & Thyme								
Stuffing	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fish Paste	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Compound Mustard	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Dried Soup	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Malted Milk Tab'ts	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Self-Raising Flour	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Baking Powder ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Custard Powder ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cocoa	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Camphorated Oil	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Blaud Pills	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pure Glycerine ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Camphorated Oil	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Cascara Tablets ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Zinc & Castor Oil								
Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Chemical Food ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Sulphur Ointment	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Tincture of Iodine	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	57	32	—	89	5	—	—	5

Forty-nine samples of milk were examined at the office, by the Gerber test, 12 of which were found to be deficient. In three cases formal samples were taken and were reported on by the Public Analyst as genuine. The remaining samples were taken as a check after formal appeal to cow and in course of delivery samples had been taken.

LIST OF ADULTERATED SAMPLES

<i>Serial Number</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Formal Informal: Private</i>	<i>Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity</i>	<i>Observations</i>
196	Milk	...	Formal	10.66% deficient in fat
197	Milk	...	Formal	5% deficient in fat
198	Milk	...	Formal	19% deficient in fat
1	Milk	...	Formal	8.33% deficient in fat
2	Milk	...	Formal	8% deficient in fat
				Appeal to cow samples taken on account of samples 196, 197 and 198. The Council decided to take no further action in this.

MILK.—SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.

TUBERCULIN TESTED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	84
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	44
Failed Methylene Blue test	...	...	...	...	11
Failed Coliform test	...	...	...	...	9
Failed both tests	...	...	...	...	20

PASTEURISED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	62
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	55
Failed Phosphatase test	...	...	...	...	4
Failed Plate Count	...	...	...	...	3

EXAMINATION FOR TUBERCLE BACILLI (Animal Inoculation).

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	30
Passed	...	...	...	...	27
Failed (contained Living Tubercle Bacilli)	...	...	...	...	3

The samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk submitted for examination gave poor results. The County Council, who are the Licensing Authority, were informed of the results of the sampling, and I have no doubt took necessary action.

The results of the Pasteurised milk samples were good.

Of the three unsatisfactory samples of milk examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli, two were taken in February. The source of supply was a farm outside the Borough. The herd was examined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who reported that they found no affected animal on the premises, but that two days after my sample was taken, one cow had been dealt with under the Tuberculosis Order, and it would appear that this animal was responsible for the contamination of the milk sample taken two days previously.

The third sample was taken in March from a local producer. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries examined the herd and one cow was dealt with under the Tuberculosis Order, slaughter taking place in the Borough. I had the opportunity of examining the animal and found extensive tuberculous lesions in the lungs, liver, kidneys and udder.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The following are registered under the various Orders and Regulations :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	...	17
Dairymen	...	...	...	...	7
Cowkeepers	...	...	...	...	5

The number of cows kept in the district is about 100 ; the various premises have been regularly inspected.

Seven Dairymen are licensed to sell Tuberculin-tested milk, one to sell Pasteurised milk, and one Dairyman is licensed to pasteurise milk and sell the same.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The Common Lodging Houses have been regularly inspected. They have been satisfactorily kept and have given no cause for complaint during the year.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

Three thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight visits in this connection to various premises were made during the year. The number of rats found dead was 569, and mice 215. One operator is engaged full time on the work and the services of the Disinfector are used when he has time to spare from his other work.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

Six hundred and seven inspections were made for the purpose of this Act ; the requirements of the Act as to Marking, etc., have been well observed.

SHOPS ACTS.

During the year eight inspections were made.

DISINFECTION.

In infectious cases, bedding and clothing are removed to the Steam Disinfector at Dedworth. The rooms are sprayed and fumigated. During the year disinfections were as follows :

Articles of bedding and clothing disinfected	...	3,499
Articles of bedding and clothing destroyed	...	247
Rooms disinfected	...	77

BED BUGS.

The eradication of bed bugs during the warm months takes a great deal of time. During the year the following work was carried out :

Council Houses found to be infested	...	...	17
Council Houses disinfested	...	...	17
Other houses found to be infested	...	...	66
Other Houses disinfested	...	...	66

In the 17 Council houses 50 rooms were affected, and in the 66 other houses 130 rooms.

The method adopted for freeing houses from bed bugs is to spray with an insecticide ; two sprayings with an interval of eight days between being the usual process. In bad infestations, one of the proprietary fumigating blocks, used in conjunction with an insecticide, has given good results. The work is carried out by the department. The fumigating blocks used are Cimex, the principal insecticide used is Zaldecide.

OTHER PESTS.

The department was called upon to help in the destruction of other pests, as under :

Ants	...	...	3	Moths	...	...	6
Beetles	...	...	10	Flies	...	...	1
Fleas	...	...	10	Earwigs	...	...	1
Wasps	...	...	14	Crickets	...	...	1

FOOD CONTROL.

The work as Enforcement Inspector to the Food Control Committee has been considerable ; 664 inspections were made.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC.

River Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Baths, Public	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Complaints	...	.....	...	...	...	...	37
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
Dwelling Houses—							
Disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Housing Act Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	1106
Public Health Act Inspections (Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
„ „ „ Re-inspections (Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	188
„ „ „ Inspections (other than Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	248
„ „ „ Re-inspections („ „ „ )	...	...	...	...	...	...	216
Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

Verminous Premises, Council Houses	...	...	...	9
Verminous Premises, Other Houses	...	...	...	25
Factories, Shops, etc. :				
Bakehouses, Mechanical	...	...	...	5
Non-Mechanical	...	...	...	3
Factories, Mechanical	...	...	...	9
Non-Mechanical	...	...	...	2
Offices, etc.	...	...	...	1
Outworkers	...	...	...	1
Places of Public Entertainment	...	...	...	1
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	11
Shops Acts	...	...	...	8
Young Persons (Employment) Act	...	...	...	8
Food Control	...	...	...	664
Food and Drugs : Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	...	...	80
Food Preparing	...	...	...	27
Ice-Cream	...	...	...	4
Margarine	...	...	...	5
Meat Depots	...	...	...	497
Samples Taken	...	...	...	325
Shops <i>re</i> Meat	...	...	...	258
Shops <i>re</i> other Foods	...	...	...	584
Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	691
Interviews with Owners, etc.	...	...	...	787
Canine Meat Shop	...	...	...	38
Legal Proceedings and Enquiries	...	...	...	12
Markets and Stalls	...	...	...	40
Merchandise Marks	...	...	...	607
Notices served	...	...	...	32
Piggeries and Stables	...	...	...	67
Public and Other Conveniences	...	...	...	16
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	3928
Other Pests	...	...	...	14
Rent Restrictions : Furnished	...	...	...	6
Unfurnished	...	...	...	7
References to Other Departments	...	...	...	4
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	26
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	245
Meetings	...	...	...	41
Shelters	...	...	...	4
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	16
<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	11,223

I am,

Your obedient servant,

F. ARNOLD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.